

**DECLARATION OF KEVIN G. MIERZWA**

I, Kevin G. Mierzwa, am submitting this declaration in support of a Petition Claiming Entitlement to Filing Date for Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 10/071,331, filed February 8, 2002. Based upon my own personal knowledge, I hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am a partner of the law firm of Artz & Artz, P.C. in Southfield, Michigan. I am familiar with the filing requirements of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. It is my procedure when preparing a patent application for filing to have my secretary type a return postcard indicating every item submitted to the Patent Office for filing. At the time of typing the postcard she has the specification before her so she is able to verify and type the number of pages of the specification, the number of claims, indicate that an abstract is included, the number of sheets of drawings, the number of figures in the drawings, and all other items being submitted.

3. The above procedure was followed on February 8, 2002, when the application bearing serial number 10/071,331 was prepared for filing.

4. The copy of the enclosed postcard indicates the items that were mailed on February 8, 2002, including a specification consisting of 18 pages, containing claims 1-18, and abstract, as well as 3 sheets of drawings containing figures 1-5, a copy of said specification and drawings being enclosed herewith.

5. On February 8, 2002, Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 10/071,070 was also filed with the Patent Office by express mail, following the same procedure as outlined above. That application has no missing parts.

6. The original Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet have been returned to me after being recorded.

7. I have never filed a patent application without the specification and drawings and believe that they were included when mailed on February 8, 2002, and that they have been misplaced by the Patent Office.

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Kevin G. Mierzwa



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DECLARATION OF DONNA KRAFT

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I, Donna Kraft, am submitting this declaration in support of a Petition Claiming Entitlement to Filing Date for Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 10/071,331, filed February 8, 2002. Based upon my own personal knowledge, I hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am currently employed as a secretary at the law firm of Artz & Artz, P.C. in Southfield, Michigan. I have been employed here for almost three (3) years. However, prior to my employment here I have worked as a secretary at a number of other law firms and am thus familiar with the filing requirements of various Court and Government agencies, as well as the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. I am currently assigned to work with Kevin G. Mierzwa, who is one of the partners of the law firm Artz & Artz, P.C.

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Donna Kraft